GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary case of Sri J Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (retd) the then DFO Krishna formerly Vijayawada – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of 3 years against the Charged Officer - Show-Cause-Notice issued- Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 45 Dated: 07-05-2016

Read the following:

1.From the Prl.CCF Rc.No.30474/2013/Vig-3, Dated: 15-07-2014.
2. G.M. No. 4515/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt. 2.7.15.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 30474/2013/Vig-3, dt. 29.1.2016
4. Govt. Lr. No. 4515/For.IV/A1/2014, dt.17.03.2016
5. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 223/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 13.04.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Articles of Charge was issued against Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (retd) former Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division vide PCCF Rc.No.42709/2012-P1 dt.07.11.2012, on the following count:

Article:I **That he has allowed huge constructions in forest land during his period and his inaction in stopping the constructions, suppressed the facts of illegal constructions going on in forest land by not reporting to Higher Authorities, till it is revealed during inspection by higher officers, and violated the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & failed to perform the duties prescribed for a Divisional Forest Officer under Andhra Pradesh Forest Department Code.**

Article:II **That he has failed to maintain the status quo orders, passed by Hon'ble High Court and his inaction in stopping further constructions, in violation of the said quo orders.**

2. The Charged Officer submitted the written statement of defence on 10.02.2013. Not satisfied with his defence statement, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad appointed the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry, vide PCCF Rc.No. 42706/2012-P1 (i)&(ii) dt. 02.04.2013.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Rc.No.5592/2012-M8, dt. 26.04.2014, wherein he has held the charges proved. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Rc.No. 30474/2012/K3, dt.20-05-2014(Final Notice). The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 27.06.2014, stating that he took all possible steps to ensure implementation of the status quo orders of the Hon'ble High Court.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on 30.06.2013 on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it was observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of 3 years from the pensionary benefits of Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd) former Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, under rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref.3rd read above has informed that, the Charged Officer did not submit his further defense statement to the Show Cause Notice.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against the retired Charged Officer Sri J. Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.223/DC&C/2/2016, dt.13.04.2016).
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